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## **Abstract**

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a glowing spindle  
speeding through the sky  
pushing its woven light

then  
comes . . .

the POWERFUL hand of darkness

its gnarled nails  
scratching out the skylight  
clawing out the clouds

its Herculean palm  
pushes the day away  
peeling it from the present  
crushing it  
hurling it into the past

the world in its grasp

it pokes slender night fingers into every lit corner  
digging out the last bits of daylight  
grinding them into stardust  
to be snapped into the infinite

then  
it slaps the cities dark  
stinging man into a neon rebellion

its tightly enclosed fingers  
try to squeeze  
man's light into darkness

a tightly closed fist  
firmly  
tightly it presses the light  
choking it

then . . .  
the hand winces  
painfully  
it quivers  
struggling  
trembling with tension

then  
the grasp falters

weakens

collapses

unconsciously conquered  
it melts away  
defeated  
to rest in a dark alley  
until tomorrow . . .

another battle